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REMARKS

Claims 3, 9, and 11-15 are in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 10 are

canceled; claims 3, 9, and 11 are currently amended; and claims 12-15 are

unchanged from the originally filed versions thereof.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Office Action's indication of

allowable subject matter. In particular, the Office Action indicated that claim 3

would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of

the base and any intervening claims, and that claims 11-15 are allowable.

Claim 3 is currently amended, consistent with the statements of the Office

Action, to put the claim in a condition for allowance. Claim 3 is currently

amended to incorporate those aspects of the base (1) and intervening claim (2)

stated as being the reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter

regarding claim 3. Further, the claim language of claim 3 is clarified to clearly

and concisely claim Applicants' invention.

Claim 11 is currently amended to correct minor matters of form therein.

No new matter is added to the application as a result of the amendments

submitted herewith.

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Accordingly, Applicants earnestly request the allowance of claims 3, 9, and 11-15.

Respectfully submitted,

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